

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty-five years ago on June 13, 1953, Edwin Dean Slavens took the hand of his beautiful bride, Joan Mabyn Dunbar, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, George and Elizabeth Dunbar; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Edwin and Joan Slavens have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children, Edwin Slavens, Jr., Brenda Guerra, Sandra Uthe and her husband, Gary, James Slavens, John Slavens, and Clarence Slavens; their grandchildren, Kitty May (deceased), Scott Slavens, Rebecca Guerra, Sarah Guerra, Jeremy and Alison Guerra, Christian Uthe, Zackary Uthe, Joshua Slavens, Elizabeth Slavens, and Bradley Slavens; and their great-grandchildren, Vincent Guerra, Wesley Slavens, Brett May, Barron May, and Adessa Slavens; and

Whereas, now retired, Edwin Slavens is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors as a custom farmer in the Wellsville area; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Joan Slavens offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, Edwin and Joan Slavens derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with Hopewell Baptist Church, a place of worship that has special meaning to them as cherished members; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Slavens commemorated the glorious occasion of their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on June 15, 2008, at their home in Wellsville:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Edwin and Joan Slavens for their tremendous success in achieving fifty-five years of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the very best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dean Slavens, as a measure of the high esteem in which we hold them.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. , adopted June 25, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker